

Dear Robert,

11/9/78

In haste many thanks for the clips with your 11/6. I'll answer as many questions as I can before I have to stop for another obligation.

I have not read Seth Kantor's book and do not intend to because its basic assumptions are not possible and other uses of the time are more important to me.

The hearings are, I believe, the equivalent of a show trial. Very dishonest.

I know of no evidence, as of today, that actually places Ray at the scene of the murder. Proving that some of Lane's alibi artists lied is a separate matter and I never had any doubt about that.

Lane ambushed his way into the case when Ray was casting about for different roads to take after the hearing went against him and was in disagreement with Cesar over what to do. As of now Ray has never actually fired Cesar. Lane remains a walking, much-taking encyclopaedia of misinformation.

Lane's involvement may be the coup de grace. He has blown everything that was possible, succeeded only in dramatizing himself to those whose judgement has not matured.

The committee never had any interest in asking questions. Only in seeming to answer them.

I'd like to be working on new books but I stay too busy on FOIA work.

By and large I feel pretty good, thanks. I'm able to do much more than I could a year ago and I enjoy the time I spend working outside that the good weather makes possible. It also is what the doctor ordered, literally.

The committee has not influenced my spirits. If you remember the speech I wrote for the NYU meeting I forecast what was going to happen.

If I'm not happy about it I'm not surprised by it, either. I've stayed away from the committee to preserve my own independence and integrity.

Hope your school work is going well.

Thanks and best wishes,

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Dear Mr. Weisberg,


Sorry I haven't written lately, but I have been saving articles and waiting until I had enough to send. During the assassination hearings, the New York newspapers were on strike. However, there were several strike papers and friends sent me articles from other newspapers. There have also been articles from various periodicals.

Some articles included are: An interesting piece on Jimmy Hoffa from a recent PLAYBOY. Articles from both TIME and NEWSWEEK all of them anti-conspiracy. (What else is new?) The paper here owned by Rev. Moon ran a series of articles ##### from Seth Kantor's book which I found very interesting (WWO WAS JACK RUBY?). Have you read it? If so what did you think? Also included is a piece from NEW TIMES criticizing the Committee Hearings. There is also an article from the Washington Post which includes a quote from you.

I was curious as to what you thought of the hearings. I watched some of them on PBS and was amazed at how every time a piece of evidence pointing to a conspiracy came up the committee was quick to try and discredit it. I was also surprised that so many people connected with the Warren Report were called on for testimony (what I mean is the same people who conducted various tests were recalled# for the same testimony). Also, what do you make of James Earl Ray's testimony and the "damning" evidence proving he was at the scene of the murder? Why is Mark Lane representing him now? What happened to Jim Lesar? And how do you think Lane's involvement effects things? Finally, where do we go from here? We finally get the committee to have hearings and it is largely a ## show where they go through the motions but don't really investigate. Who will really look into this now? Seth Kantor's book showed so much and yet the committee didn't even ask him for any of his information. They didn't even ask the questions posed in the first of your WHITEWASH series.

Are you working on any new books? I am very curious as to what you are up to and what you have found out. I am still very bothered by this # entire matter, unfortunately the public is getting bored. I have moved since you last heard from me. The address is at the bottom of the letter. How is your health? I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. Please keep up the work you are doing.

Sincerely,

  
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